

Daily Word



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Class Thoughts

PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ Mind you are unified in thought, purpose, and understanding and inspired to right action for the good of all mankind.

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ILLUMINATION (11 a.m.): By Thy light I am illumined and strengthened.

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PROSPERITY (12 noon): The Spirit of God multiplies my substance, and there is abundance for every need.

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HEALING (9 p.m.): The same Spirit that raised Jesus is now here raising me, and I am restored to harmony and health.

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They That Hear Shall Live

MORE convincing than anything we in Silent Unity may say about the resurrecting power of Spirit are the letters that come to us from those who have been resurrected out of the old into a new way of life, health, and joy.

Because the letters that come to us are such a source of inspiration and faith to us, we are sharing some of them with you, our DAILY WORD readers, at this time. As we read the wonderful letters that come to us, we give thanks for the life-giving Truth of Jesus Christ, and we give thanks that in everyone there is a spirit that is responsive, a spirit that rises up in faith, a spirit that hears the voice of the Son of God in our soul, a faith that hears and lives!

As you read these letters, we know that you will rejoice with these friends, and we know that you will be reminded again of your own spiritual overcomings, of your own resurrections, you will be reminded of the many blessings that have come to you through prayer and the study of Truth.

"On My Way to the Heights"

Dear Friends: This morning I can say truthfully I feel fine. When I wrote to you it seemed that I was fading away. Each day I have felt better, have faithfully prayed with you, blessing you in my heart always, for you show me the way.

I feel that something in me has kept me from connecting up with God. The little pamphlet you sent me brought to me the realization that I, my thoughts, have been the cause. Where I should be grateful for a home and my niece's kind ministrations, I have resented being under any obligation. Her kind attentions when I was so sick seemed only to make my disabilities outstanding. Some persons thought I was a complete wreck, a chronic invalid, and instead of being grateful for help, I know I have been sinful in my attitude, or rather in my thoughts, resenting everything, for it seemed to me it made me look like a *non compos mentis* case.

All my life I have been independent, bestow-favors instead of accepting them, following my own impulses. Then when I stopped working, my financial condition was crippled, and I see I have laid too much stress on material things. I am seeing lots of faults and acts, which kept me from progressing spiritually. Volumes could

be written, which all boiled down would mean that I am my own worst enemy, harboring the wrong thoughts. Yet I thank God and you, dear friends, that you have shown me the light and helped me in so many ways that all is not lost.

Deep down in my heart God dwells. I know this, and abiding there, too, is my love, my deep appreciation of you wonderful people.

Certainly when writing you desperation was engulfing me. I felt as if I were sinking, drowning, and I called on you and you saved me. How can I ever show how deep in my gratitude and love!

Well, friends, I am so happy to be on my way to the heights. God bless you all for your help. We have to have guidance, as we are so blinded by our own material thoughts we cannot see the way. If only we could all be given this insight and realization when we are young, life would or could be beautiful. However, as time goes on, we learn to appreciate more deeply the significance of the Christian life and are grateful. I am—*N. M. W.*

"There Is Only God!"

Dear Friends: As I read of the healings, truly miraculous, I wondered why it didn't happen to me more fully. So I went down in the depths.

Suddenly I realized that I was unconsciously clinging to the material side, taking as inspirations what I wished to believe, such as "God helps them who help themselves." I met with misunderstandings, which created resentment, and I could not find my way out. There was always a little string that held tight, and I could not let go. Feeling completely helpless and lost, I said, "There is only God!" and took gratefully the helping hand held out to me. The watchword, "Be still, and know that I am God," seemed to unlock my understanding, and I let go. Peace calmed nerves and brain, and now I can carry on bravely.—J. W.

"God Hath not Given Us the Spirit of Fear"

Dear Friends in Truth: All my life I have been a believer in divine healing but never had occasion to apply it to myself until I was stricken a year ago. I spent three weeks in a hospital—unconscious most of that time. My wife was my constant companion, and the only one I knew. After returning home, it was several months before I could turn or raise myself without help.

One day some friends tuned in the "Unity Viewpoint" program on the little radio at my bedside. I became interested and asked my wife to subscribe for *Weekly Unity*, also **DAILY WORD**.

I began studying both of these periodicals in earnest, and it was only a short time until I discovered I could raise myself to sit up in bed and read. I applied Truth, as I understood it, and it was only a short time until I began to walk, by pushing a chair about for support. My wife bought me two canes and took me to the services at the Unity center. They became interested and lovingly put my name on the prayer list. I made such rapid improvement that everyone was happily surprised.

An article in one of the *Weekly Unity* magazines made reference to II Timothy 1:7, and I turned to my Bible and read and reread it many times: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

The power of love came to my understanding, and fear was gone. I began walking without a cane or help of any kind in the house, and then, one day, I walked into church without the aid of a cane.

This healing has been gradual, and with returned strength other promises given in the Bible have come to me. It is now my one desire to be of help to others, in any way possible; hence, it is a pleasure to give this testimony of God's healing power. "God is love," and He has given us this same power.—C. C. H.

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God Holds My Hand

BERNICE MINTER

God holds my hand throughout this day,
From morning until night,
To guide my feet, to show the way,
To lead me by His light.

God holds my hand and makes me know
I am one with His power,
Which keeps me safe where'er I go;
His love is my strong tower.

God holds my hand, and I am free
From weakness, fear, or pain.
One with His life and harmony,
I am made whole again.

God holds my hand; secure I rest,
Conscious of lack no more.
God's good is mine, and I am blessed
From His abundant store.

God holds my hand through every day!
Nought then have I to fear.
His love will bless and lead the way—
He is forever near.

"Its Name Is Practice"

MARTHA SMOCK

WO LITTLE girls were trying hard to master the technique of ballet. They awkwardly but persistently worked to get their feet in the proper positions—fifth position, second position, balance, twirl, and so on. But when the teacher told them she was going to give them a few calisthenics along with the ballet instruction and then said, "Let's see you do a cart wheel," it was as formidable a request as if she had said, "Let's see you jump over the moon!" Their attempts were ridiculous, but no one laughed. The only encouragement the teacher offered was, "Girls, you will just have to practice."

They did practice, but it was like practicing the impossible, it seemed. Their attempts, and they were strenuous ones, did not produce cart wheels. Because they could see no results, they began to resist even the thought of cart wheels and made every excuse not to practice doing them.

One day they were riding in the back seat of a car, and the older one, a nine-year-old, picked up a *Weekly Unity* that was lying on the seat and began to read to the seven-year-old. This is the paragraph she read in an astonished voice:

"There is a teaching, a principle, higher and more powerful than the printed words of Truth. It is the higher teaching that makes a reality of the theory you have read. It is available to you, here and now. Its name is practice."

"Stephanie!" she cried, "it means our cart wheels!"

The two girls read this paragraph every time they were in the car (the mother of one of the girls purposely left the copy of *Weekly Unity* in the car) and one day at their ballet lesson the teacher said: "Very good, girls. I know that you have been practicing."

"It's name is practice." How simple, yet how profound a statement!

We all need to remember that there is no other way to perfect any skill than to practice. Unity's full name is Unity School of Practical Christianity. Unity students are practicing Christians. They do not just read about or think about religion—they practice its principles, and like the little girls who performed the "miracle" of cart wheels, anyone who practices Truth principles will perform "miracles" in his own life. God, the great Teacher, says, "Here is the way." Then it is up to us to try, again and again, to raise the level of our consciousness to the place where we cannot only know Truth but live it, express it.

"There is a teaching, a principle, higher and more powerful than the printed words of Truth. It is the higher teaching that makes a reality of the theory you have read. It is available to you here and now. Its name is practice."

Whenever I am faced with something that seems beyond me, I remember the two little girls with the seemingly impossible feat to perform. And I know that I, too, can succeed. The secret of success? "Its name is practice."

AN INVITATION FROM SILENT UNITY

Have you ever needed help greatly but did not know where to turn? We extend to you a most loving invitation to call on Silent Unity.

For the past sixty years Silent Unity has been praying and working with people from every walk of life.

We do not believe that anything is impossible or incurable. We keep faith with all who call upon us, for we believe in the power of God and in the power of prayer, and we know that God never fails.

If you need us, feel free to call upon us at any time. We may be reached day or night by telegraph or telephone at BAltimore 4720, Kansas City, Missouri, or by letter at Silent Unity, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Thursday

I keep a true Lent—

I FIND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WITHIN ME
BY NOURISHING THE SPIRIT OF FAITH IN MY
MIND AND HEART.

DURING Lent we turn again and again to the words and teachings of Jesus Christ. If we feel that we have but little faith, let us remember Jesus' parable of the mustard seed. The man sowed a mustard seed, "which indeed is less than all seeds," and there came forth "a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof."

Even a tiny degree of faith is of "mustard seed" quality. If we plant it, that is, if we use it and apply it in our lives and affairs, we see a great growth of good in all our experiences.

We come to see what Jesus meant when He said, "The kingdom of God is within you." We discover that the kingdom is indeed a heavenly realm, it is a state of mind in which we have perfect joy and peace; it is a state of mind in which we experience perfect trust in God and man; it is a place that is attained through using our faith and trust day by day in everything that comes to us.

* *The kingdom of God is within you.—LUKE 17:21.*

I keep a true Lent—

PRINCIPLE IS TRUTH. I KNOW THE TRUTH,
AND THE TRUTH MAKES ME FREE.

THE GOD of love, who has preserved the causes of liberty, justice, and righteousness in all the ages that have passed, will not fail to preserve the Truth in this generation and in all those to follow. God is good. God is dependable. Despite appearances to the contrary, the Spirit of God abiding deep in the heart of every living person has all situations well in hand. God will not allow the human race to destroy itself, for God is love. At just the right moment in every crisis, and never a moment too late, the healing Spirit of God will deliver all nations out of darkness into light by speaking, working, and radiating through those who stand for righteousness and peace. As long as there is one praying person on this earth, there is sufficient means through which God can manifest His victory.

Let us continue diligently in prayer.

"O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come."

• *Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.—JOHN 8:32.*

Saturday

I keep a true Lent—

I LET THE CLEAR, UNCLOUDED MIND OF JESUS CHRIST DOMINATE ALL MY THINKING, AND I DISCERN THE OMNIPRESENT LAWS OF SPIRIT.

TODAY I expect an abundance of good in my life. I look for it; I expect it all the day long. I give thanks to God for the good already in my life, and for each new blessing I give thanks again to Him who is the source of all.

Today I expect to see the Christ shining forth in every person I meet. The Christ in me greets the Christ in all, and there are only harmonious and loving human relations.

Today I expect to receive an abundance of material substance, sufficient and more for every need. Clothing, food, transportation, furniture—all these things, whatsoever I need I expect to receive.

Today I expect to receive renewed vision in my eyes, renewed keenness of hearing, renewed strength in every muscle, renewed life in any part of my body that needs it.

I let the clear, unclouded mind of Jesus Christ dominate all my thinking, and I expect only good.

* *Look for new heavens and a new earth.—II PET. 3:13.*

I keep a true Lent—

I AFFIRM THAT I AM AN OVERCOMER THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, AND I REST IN THE REALIZATION OF HIS GRACE AND POWER.

WHENEVER any new situation arises in my life I give thanks to the Lord for another opportunity to prove His wonder-working power. I do not think of experiences as problems. Rather, I see them as challenges to my spiritual resources.

Even though the challenge differs from anything I have experienced before, I will not be frightened, for I remind myself that "He who to the task did call me" is giving me strength to meet the task's demands.

For every new challenge that arises before me, the spiritual solution to this challenge is already within me, so I advance to meet it with a song of joy in my heart.

As I meet every situation in my life with faith in God, victory will always be mine, and peace and joy will attend me all my days.

* *For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith.—I JOHN 5:4.*

APRIL 5

Monday

I keep a true Lent—

I AFFIRM THAT THE SERENE, CALM, TRUSTFUL SPIRIT NOW ACCOMPLISHES ALL THE DESIRES OF MY HEART.

“PATIENCE,” according to Charles Fillmore, “is a state of mind that beholds the world from the harmony of the Christ Mind, a freedom from personal thinking. It is an attitude of mind characterized by poise, calmness, and a quiet restful trust, especially in the face of trying conditions. It has its foundation in love. ‘Great peace have they that love thy law; and they have no occasion of stumbling.’”

“The first requisite in the development of patience is spiritual understanding. The larger our vision of life, the more freedom we feel, and we are spared the friction and frettings that come to those who are centered in personality. . . .

“We may take the gift of patience and make use of it. We may receive it by faith, and then work it out in every department of our being by daily practice of Truth.”

“Patience gives self-control.”

◆ Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.—HEB. 12:1.

Tuesday

APRIL 6

I keep a true Lent—

MY JUDGMENT IS JUST, BECAUSE I SEEK NOT MY OWN WILL BUT THE WILL OF THE FATHER.

I HAVE infinite respect for the particular paths that others follow, for I realize that even as God is guiding me in the way that is best for me so is He guiding them in the way that is best for them.

I may not agree with the opinions of another, but I respect these opinions as having worth for him. I may not understand the actions or standards by which another person lives, but I will not judge his way as being wrong because it is not my way.

And when an individual ascribes to religious convictions that are the antithesis of what I believe, I guard myself against the temptation to think of him as unenlightened. I remember that all are seeking light and Truth, but that as individuals our needs vary, and what may bring comfort and benefit to one may not prove helpful to another.

I am true to my own convictions, but I lovingly respect the convictions of others.

• *One God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.—EPH. 4:6.*

APRIL 7

Wednesday

I keep a true Lent—

I HEAR THE WORD OF TRUTH AND UNDERSTAND IT, AND I AM PROSPERED AND BLESSED A HUNDREDFOLD.

WE HEAR words of Truth over and over, but many times they have no meaning for us. It is when our spiritual consciousness is awakened through prayer that the words of Truth we hear and read take on living meaning for us. Our minds and spirits become enriched through our deepened awareness of spiritual Truth, and everything we do is blessed. Our minds are quickened, our efforts are productive of good, our lives and affairs show forth the increase of substance that always comes with increased spiritual understanding.

If we feel a lack in our lives, let us prepare our consciousness to receive the riches of Spirit by taking time every day to become silent and to meditate on God; to still our minds and bodies until we feel His presence and power; to open our whole being to His light; to listen for His silent voice within us until we hear with understanding hearts.

* *He . . . heareth the word, and understandeth it.*
—MATT. 13:23.

Thursday

APRIL 8

I keep a true Lent—

I AFFIRM THAT THE REDEEMING WORD OF JESUS CHRIST, "I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE," NOW MAKES ME WHOLE AND PERFECT.

CHARLES Fillmore teaches that "Jesus played a most important part in opening the way for mankind into the Father's kingdom. This was accomplished by His overcoming the belief in death.

"Atonement means the reconciliation between God and men through Christ. Jesus became the way by which all who accept Him may 'pass over' to the higher consciousness. . . .

"The whole race was caught in the meshes of its own thought and, through drowsy ignorance, would have remained there had not a break been made in the structure, and the light of a higher way let in. . . .

"Jesus made this aperture in the race thought and thus threw open wide the door into the spiritual realm."

• *And this is life eternal, that they should know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, even Jesus Christ.—JOHN 17:3.*

I keep a true Lent—

JESUS IS MY WAY-SHOWER. IN HIS NAME I AFFIRM THAT MY MIND AND BODY ARE RADIANT WITH THE LIGHT OF SPIRIT AND I AM TRIUMPHANT, GLORIOUS, SPLENDID.

THE transfiguration of Jesus took place on a high mountain apart from the world. This is symbolic of the transfiguration that takes place in us when we rise in thought, in consciousness to a high place. When our hearts and minds are lifted up we seem to glow with the light, life, and energy of God. Our thoughts are transfigured by the shining light of Truth. Our lives change. Our very countenances change. The light of the Holy Spirit shines in us, through us, upon us. We become radiant expressions of life. We become triumphant, splendid children of God, living in the light, thinking in the light, walking in the light, radiating the light to all.

When we open our entire being to the light of Truth we seem to hear the voice of God saying to us, as it did to Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

• *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*
—MATT. 17:5.

I keep a true Lent—

SPIRIT IN ME IS TRANSMUTING MY BODY
INTO PURE SPIRITUAL SUBSTANCE, AND MY
HEART REJOICES.

I LOOK forward to each new day with a sense of joyous anticipation, for every day a little bit more of the indwelling Christ perfection finds expression through me. I do not look upon time as an enemy that is causing deterioration, but I see in every passing moment, in each new day and year a friend, giving me new opportunities to express more and more of the vitality, efficiency, and beauty of the Christ.

Christ in me is the inexhaustible source of my vitality. Of its increase there is no end. Every moment of my life, today, tomorrow, and always, I let the indwelling beauty of Christ find wondrous new expression through my character, my appearance, my talents.

Spirit in me is transmuting my body into pure spiritual substance, and my heart rejoices.

¶ *They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.*
—ISA. 40:31.

Sunday

I keep a true Lent—

"BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST."

TO DAY IS Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The multitudes that awaited Jesus' arrival cried out, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

The thoughts of our minds, the cells of our bodies, the events of our lives are like the multitudes that waited for Jesus; everything in us waits for and shouts with joy at the appearance of the Christ, the Spirit of God in our midst.

In our spiritual nature we recognize the Christ Spirit when it appears in our consciousness. We feel uplifted, we are filled with a sense of praise and song; for we know that when the Christ enters into our lives transformation take place.

If, for any reason, we are downcast in spirit, if we are in need of healing, if we need peace and order in our affairs, if we long for happiness and love in our lives, let us welcome the Christ into our lives and hearts on this Palm Sunday.

• *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*
—MATT. 21:9.

Monday

APRIL 12

I keep a true Lent—

I AFFIRM THAT THE REDEEMING LAW OF GOD IS AWAKENING WITHIN ME, AND I AM A NEW MAN IN CHRIST JESUS.

"**T**HE time is ripe for the advent of a new race, the advent of the spiritualized man," says Charles Fillmore. "This will be brought about, not by a miracle or the fiat of God, but by the gradual refinement of the man of the flesh into the man of Spirit.

"The true overcomer is qualifying himself to become a member of this superrace. It is well for such a one to cultivate the childlike spirit and let go of all tense striving, even for spiritual things. In the realization of protecting, providing love, all the strain of fear and anxiety will be removed and life in abundance will then find easy entrance into the consciousness, bringing strength and health and eternal youth and life. . . .

"I realize that as an overcomer, I am working also for the whole world, establishing a new race consciousness, 'new heavens and a new earth.' "

¶ *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth . . . And I heard a great voice . . . saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men.—REV. 21:1, 3.*

Tuesday

I keep a true Lent—

I AFFIRM THAT THE HEALING, PURIFYING SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY ACTIVITY NOW AT WORK IN EVERY CELL AND ATOM OF MY BEING.

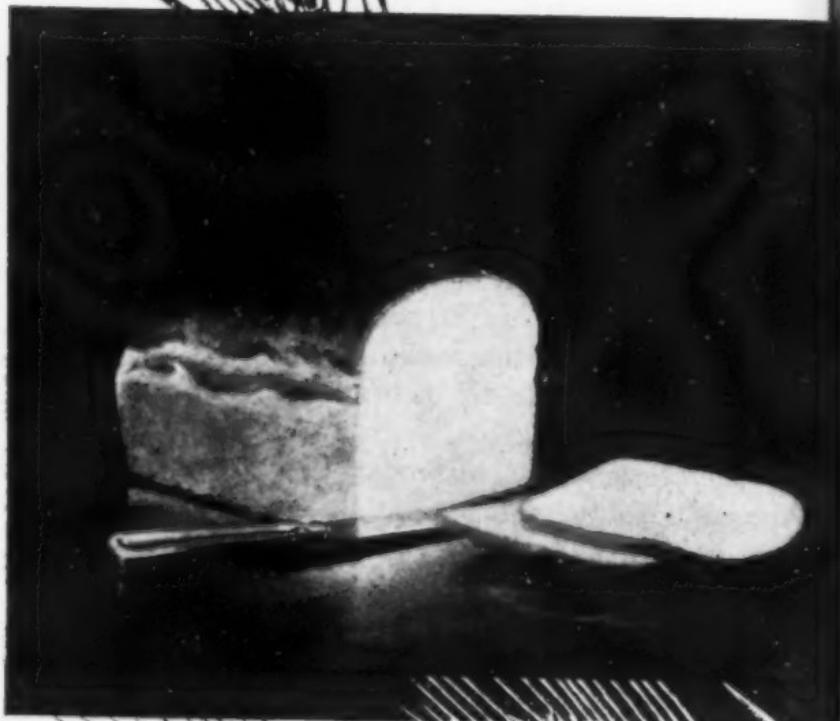
TACKNOWLEDGE the healing Christ within me now. Nothing is impossible to this healing Spirit. The Spirit in me can heal every disease, adjust every inharmony, illumine every darkness. Nothing is so bewildering but that the Spirit of Christ can clarify it. Nothing is so entangled but that the Spirit of Christ in me can show me the way. Even the challenges in my life that seem at times so formidable can be healed and harmonized by the Christ within.

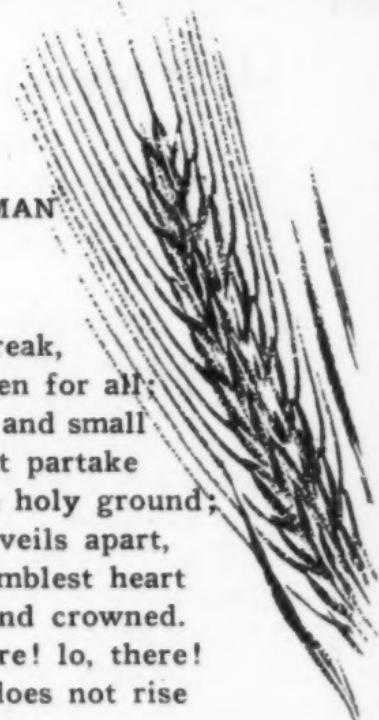
Therefore, I now surrender my entire being to the healing Christ within me. I place my thoughts, my desires, my body, my home, my finances, my affairs into His all-adjusting care. And I declare with never a doubt, "The healing, purifying Spirit of Jesus Christ is the only activity now at work in every cell and atom of my being."

◆ *He is like a refiner's fire . . . and he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify . . . and refine them as gold and silver.—MAL. 3:2, 3.*



Bread





JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

In every bit of bread I break,
I see Christ's body given for all;
For nothing is so plain and small
But in its essence must partake
Of Him. All hearts are holy ground;
Could I but draw the veils apart,
I should see in the humblest heart
God's Son enthroned and crowned.
Why do I seek, lo, here! lo, there!
And wonder why He does not rise
In glory to amaze all eyes
With heavenly hosts of angels? Where
May Christ be found, more than in me?
He gives Himself that I may live;
To find Him, I need only give
Myself to life and Him, and He
Shall bless and break me as the bread
With which my fellow men are fed.

Wednesday

APRIL 14

I keep a true Lent—

I AFFIRM THAT GOD'S PURE LIFE AND SUBSTANCE ARE CONSTANTLY RENEWING AND REBUILDING HIS HOLY TEMPLE, MY BODY.

“**A**ND as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it; and he gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took a cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the covenant.”

“The first step in drinking of the blood and eating of the body of Jesus is to resolve this whole Scripture back into the primal ideas. The only way to appropriate these ideas is through the very highest activity of mind as in prayer. . . .

“Through the appropriation and assimilation of the substance and life in our own consciousness, we blend our minds with the Father-Mind and there is a harmonizing of every fiber of our bodies with the Christ body, which is life and light. As our minds and hearts are cleansed of untrue thoughts and beliefs, and as we feed on living ideas, our bodies take on the life and light of our divinity.”

◆ *This do in remembrance of me.—LUKE 22:19.*

APRIL 15

*T*hursday

I keep a true Lent—

I LET GO OF DOUBT AND FEAR AND TRUST
UNWAVERINGLY IN GOD'S GOOD WILL.

THE story of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane is the story of every man's victory over himself and his temptations. Jesus was "tempted like as we are" to turn back from a difficult assignment; He was tempted to rely on His friends in His hour of need; He was tempted to be disappointed when they failed Him. He was tempted as we are, but He conquered as we can.

If in studying His life, we should read no further than the account of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane we could be certain of His victory. For in the garden He won the victory where it must be won—in His own soul. He unified His will completely with the Father's will; He transcended His need for human support by turning wholly and completely to God.

In our own overcomings we can follow Jesus Christ and find as He did an undefeatable, unconquerable faith.

We can, like Jesus in the garden, pray our way to victory of soul and spirit.

* *Not what I will, but what thou wilt.*—MARK 14:36.

Friday

APRIL 16

I keep a true Lent—

"I WILL FEAR NO EVIL: FOR THOU ART WITH ME."

AFTER His resurrection Jesus did not refer to the events of His crucifixion but walked with, talked with, and taught His apostles as though the event had never taken place. There was no word from Him of vindication, of revenge, of retaliation, only love for humanity.

When we remember this on Good Friday we do not allow ourselves to become weighed down by the sadness of the day. We lift our thoughts above the Crucifixion and see it as "the valley of the shadow of death" that Jesus passed through victoriously.

We do not wait until Easter Sunday to say, "He is risen!" We rejoice on Good Friday in the risen Christ, in the living Christ!

Our message to you on Good Friday is: "Fear not. God is with you at all times, through all experiences. Through Christ in you, you are an overcomer. You are able to say to every appearance of evil or negation, 'It is finished,' and rise to new life in God."

• *It is finished.—JOHN 19:30.*

Saturday

I keep a true Lent—

I REST IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF ETERNAL LIFE AND STRENGTH AND I AM MADE PERFECT.

MY FAITH is centered in God, and my mind is at peace. I am untroubled about any of the affairs of my life, for I know that God is in all and through all and that good shall be the ultimate outcome.

I go about my tasks today with poise and confidence; I am free from any sense of pressure, any feeling of hurry or worry. I accomplish all things easily and well, for I work in the consciousness that God, my eternal helper, is working with me and through me.

I am relaxed and free in mind and body. I have a sense of well-being, I feel a renewal of strength and energy, I am filled with a spirit of joy and praise.

I rest in the consciousness of eternal life and strength, and I am made perfect.

I am blessed in mind, body, and affairs.

• *And the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge.—ISA. 11:2.*

Sunday

APRIL 18

"I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE."
I RISE TRIUMPHANT OUT OF EVERY TRIAL.

THE prayers and blessings of Silent Unity are with you on this Easter Day. We see you radiant, alive, glorious, free.

We know that the triumphant message of Easter means more to you today than ever before. With every song of praise and joy, your own heart answers: "Christ is risen, hallelujah! Christ is risen within me!"

We know that every DAILY WORD reader could tell us of wonderful resurrections of heart, mind, and spirit, could tell us of miraculous ways in which God has brought him forth out of darkness into the light of Truth. We rejoice with each of our readers and friends on this blessed day. We affirm for each of you: "Christ is risen, hallelujah! Christ is risen within you."

We give thanks that truly Christ in you is "the resurrection, and the life," that through Him you rise triumphant out of every trial.

• *I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall be live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.—JOHN 11:25.*

Monday

I PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST AND KNOW DIVINE ORDER IN MY LIFE.

THE ABILITY to put first things first is essential if one is to know order in his life. One's productive powers, his thought, and his energy can be used in such a disorganized fashion that nothing satisfying is accomplished.

Every person's mind is full of things that he would like to do, and his life is full of demands from his personal relations, his work, his self-development, and his recreational programs. So if he is to be free from harassment and free to progress toward his goals in an enjoyable and satisfying way, he must learn to put first things first. No one can allow his life to drift along on the current of whim and chance and reach a predictable destination, even in the small matters of one's daily life. It is necessary to decide what is most essential to do day by day, situation by situation if one is to experience order and progress. It is necessary to accept the authority that God has given each one and to exercise it in establishing order from within outward.

* *He gave him authority to execute judgment.—JOHN 5:27.*

I ACCEPT THE POWER OF GOD WITHIN ME TO THINK FOR MYSELF.

God has given me the power to think for myself. Within me resides the power to make my own decisions. My God-given power of choice enables me to select the thoughts I think. I turn to God each day. I accept His light and guidance. I depend on His wonderful power within me to think for myself and to keep my thoughts harmonious so that God's perfect plan of peace, joy, health, happiness, and abundance may be fulfilled in me. Just as God has implanted His power within me to think for myself, so He has given those I love and all other persons power to think for themselves.

With God's guidance I can say and do the things that will help others exercise their freedom of choice, that will help them to depend on their own God-given power to think for themselves.

I want others to be free, even as I am free to use the wonderful power of God within me to think, speak, and act according to God's will.

• *For as he thinketh within himself, so is he.—PROV. 23:7.*

APRIL 21

Wednesday

I LOVE AND TRUST AND PRAISE THE CHRIST
IN ALL WHO TOUCH MY LIFE TODAY.

ALL those who touch my life today I bless with love and trust and praise. I see all persons that I meet as expressions of the Christ Spirit, from those nearest and dearest to me to the most remote stranger that crosses my path.

As I go about my daily activities, I look beyond the personality of those who touch my life. I acknowledge the Christ Spirit within. If the personality is pleasant, I know that the Christ Spirit is shining through, and I say silently to this one, "I love and trust and praise the Christ in you." If the personality seems unpleasant, I know that the Christ awaits my acknowledgment. I say silently to this one, "I love and trust and praise the Christ in you."

If there is someone I find it difficult to approve of, I realize that I have been seeing only the human personality, and I say silently to him, "I love and trust and praise the Christ in you."

I love and trust and praise the Christ in all who touch my life today.

• *Christ in you, the hope of glory.—COL. 1:27.*

I SERVE THE LORD WITH LOVE AND GLADNESS, AND HE GUIDES AND STRENGTHENS ME.

WHEN my time and energy seem unequal to the things I must do, I do not lose heart. I know that God blesses, guides, and strengthens those who serve Him lovingly and willingly. So I stop briefly, and in the stillness of my heart I say this prayer: "I serve the Lord with love and gladness, and He guides and strengthens me."

When I realize that my work is a service to God it brings satisfaction to my heart. So I rejoice in my ability to serve Him. I am glad and thankful for the time and strength and energy I can use in His service.

As I put more love into my work, I find myself working with less anxiety and greater ease; for perfect love casts out fear. I lovingly, gladly put my mind, my heart, and my hands under God's direction. As I devote myself to serving Him with a happy heart and a willing mind, He shows me better, swifter, easier ways to accomplish what lies before me.

¶ *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—PHIL. 4:13 (A.V.).*

I OPEN MY HEART TO GOD'S LOVE AND KNOW THE SATISFACTION THAT MAKES ME A HAPPY PERSON.

THE happy person is the one who feels love within himself and who meets life poised in this inner warmth. Until we feel the flow of this deep, inner current of love, we are never quietly at peace with ourselves. We continue to be dependent on the approbation and attention of others for our assurance. And only the love that is fed to the heart from one's own innermost Spirit, God, fully satisfies. This is the love that gives us the knowledge of our own worth, the love that makes the feelings and needs of others important and dear to us.

Living and working with others, sharing abilities and knowledge, giving attention and friendship all lend interest and meaning to our personal lives. But love and happiness themselves are self-generated blessings. Their possession is never dependent on the attitudes or actions of others, but on our faith in the abiding and fulfilling resources of our own divine nature and on our releasing these resources to enrich the lives of others.

♦ *God is love.—I JOHN 4:16.*

Saturday

APRIL 24

I AM FREE, FOR THE INDWELLING CHRIST IS
MY MASTER; HE GUIDES ME IN ALL THAT I
THINK, FEEL, SAY, AND DO.

I ACCEPT my indwelling Christ as master of my mind, my heart, my body, and my affairs. I give myself into His keeping, so that He may guide my every thought, emotion, word, and deed.

No unwanted habit, no matter how strong or long its standing, can bind me when I constantly yield myself to the keeping of my indwelling Christ and try with all my heart to obey the guidance that comes to me.

I do not have to fight against the desires that have held me in bondage. As I yield myself to my indwelling Lord, He changes my desires and satisfies my soul as I have never been satisfied before.

My part in gaining freedom is to be faithful to my indwelling Christ, to spend some time each day in earnest prayer, to claim my divine inheritance as a son of God. As I do this, my indwelling Christ takes charge of me and leads me to peace, satisfaction, and freedom. I am free, for the indwelling Christ is my master.

• *Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.—JOHN 8:32.*

APRIL 25

Sunday

GOD'S WISDOM GUIDES ME IN ALL THINGS TODAY.

TODAY I realize anew that I can receive God's guidance in making the smallest decisions and solving the little problems of my life just as surely as in times of great crisis or grave decision.

In prayer I ask God to help me know just what to do in every situation all through the day. And I carry away from this time of prayer a feeling of confidence that His wisdom will guide me.

As the day goes on, I say often in my heart: "Dear Father-God, send Your wisdom to me and through me. Guide my thinking. Guide my speaking. Guide my actions. And let me be the channel to bring Your help to someone else today."

If I hear children quarrel, I silently ask God to speak the word of harmony through me. If a business problem arises, I silently ask God to put into my mind the right solution. In any need, large or small, I go to God and ask. Then I wait, and the answer always comes. I act on His guidance and find that all is in divine order.

• *If any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God.*
—JAMES 1:5.

Monday

APRIL 26

I KEEP MY MIND AND HEART ATTUNED TO THAT WHICH PROMOTES HARMONY.

OFTENTIMES when we have inharmony with another person it is because, in our thought, we are asking him to change and to be something different than he is. Or, if we are not asking him to change, we are critical of the way he is now.

While we have every right to affirm constructive attributes for another, such as good judgment, emotional control, thoughtfulness, generosity, a good disposition, and so forth, we cannot ask another to be something different than he is. We must learn to understand and to love those we live and work with to such a degree that we can get along harmoniously with any personality.

This does not mean that we will approve of everything that others do, or that we will not take a stand for that which seems right and just to us. But it does mean that we will take responsibility for our own personal harmony; that we will not lend the creative power of our thought to any attitude not productive of peace and harmony.

• So then let us follow after things which make for peace.—ROM. 14:19.

I ACCEPT THE GOOD TO BE HAD IN EVERY EXPERIENCE.

A WONDERFUL attitude to take when we think that we have failed in some endeavor is, "I accept this for good." No matter how humiliated or hurt one is when he has not succeeded in something he has undertaken, there is some good for him in the experience.

When we do not succeed it is because we have not estimated the situation correctly or because we are not adequately prepared to meet the demands of the undertaking. We cannot always know either of these facts until we experience a situation. But would it not be considered good to learn what we did not know before?

Perhaps in the emotion of a disappointment we cannot see in a specific way the good an experience has for us. But if we try to take the attitude, "I accept this for good," our feelings become far more constructive, and soon the insights come. Confidence deepens, and we find that we have a firmer hold upon our lives than we had before the experience.

• *Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom.*
—PROV. 4:7.

Wednesday

APRIL 28

I BELIEVE IN THE DIVINE LAW OF JUSTICE,
AND I TRUST GOD TO ESTABLISH THAT
WHICH IS JUST IN MY LIFE.

GOD IS the law of divine justice. His justice works in my life and affairs. I believe in the law of divine justice, and that which is truly mine cannot be withheld from me.

I trust the universal Spirit of divine justice. Therefore, I am not unhappy or worried when someone fails to be just toward me. Instead of condemning another I place myself under the law of divine justice and know that I will be compensated according to my works. By so doing I place myself and all that concerns me in God's hands and thus set into action God's unfailing law of divine justice, which is above man-made law.

I want the Spirit of divine justice to operate in my life, so I strive always to be just and fair in my dealings with others, just as I want others to be just and fair in their dealings with me.

I center my attention upon God and affirm the following: "I believe in the law of divine justice, and I trust God to establish that which is just in my life."

• *Jehovah is a God of justice.—ISA. 30:18.*

APRIL 29

Tbursday

TODAY I EXCHANGE MY IMPATIENCE FOR JOYOUS ANTICIPATION.

HOW easy it is to be impatient when one's desires are not immediately fulfilled! Today, however, I would remind myself that there is a right time and place for everything. Perhaps I am not really ready yet for my desires and would not be capable of making full use of them. So I begin right now to do whatever I can to make myself ready to receive the desires of my heart. I rejoice that there is something I can do to prepare myself and thus prove my faith that at the proper time and place my desires will be fulfilled.

Whenever impatient thoughts come to mind I release them and replace them with thoughts of joyous anticipation. I make the time of waiting a happy time.

Dear Father-God, You know the desires of my heart. Help me to prepare myself to receive them. Let me not be impatient but rather filled with joyous anticipation. I give you thanks and praise. Amen.

◆ *Let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.*—JAMES 1:4.

Friday

APRIL 30

GOD, WORKING THROUGH ME, BRINGS SUCCESS TO ME IN MY CHOSEN OCCUPATION.

TODAY I make God my partner in my chosen occupation. Mine will be the task of active doing, of physical work and public contact; His part will be the guidance, the security, and the inspiration. Whatever my job—housework, accounting, selling, any job whatever—I do it today with God.

Today I take special pride in doing my part to the very best of my ability, since I am God's partner in this undertaking. As I work with Him, He also works with me, and I give Him my utmost in integrity, craftsmanship, and talent.

When there is a problem I take it to God in prayer. I tell Him about it, and then I wait very quietly for guidance. He never fails—He is ever available when I seek Him.

When there is success I take that to Him, too. I thank Him for making the success possible, for working in and through me as a partner in my business.

God is my partner. Success is mine!

¶ *Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.—PROV. 16:3 (A.V.).*

This Month IN UNITY



Unity Training School to Open

The first term of the Unity Training School for 1954 will open on the twelfth of this month and close May 7. Many excellent teachers from Unity headquarters and from centers all over the United States will conduct the various classes. They are eager to help you learn more about Truth and how to practice it in your life for greater health, prosperity, and success. Make plans now to attend the Unity Training School.

If you cannot be here for the first session, which will begin April 12 and end May 7, you can attend one of the other three terms. The second will begin May 17 and end June 11; the third will begin August 2 and end August 27; and the fourth will begin September 6 and end October 1. Through classes, and through meditation periods amid the beautiful surroundings of Unity Village, you will find mental and spiritual renewal at the Unity Training School.

Your Unity Center

Do you feel the urge to find new inspiration?

Would uniting your faith with that of others give you encouragement in your application of Unity's teachings to your life and affairs?

If so, you can find this help at your local Unity center. Unity center leaders are trained to serve you. They and their consecrated workers will be glad to consult with you, to pray with you, and to welcome you to classes and services. The real application of Truth principles is more than making a demonstration. It is learning thoroughly the principles behind all life and applying those principles to every situation. Class instruction at Unity centers is invaluable in making the teachings of Unity practical.

Authorized Unity center leaders have been trained by Unity School and endeavor to maintain the same Christ standard of teaching that has been set up by Unity School. Public devotional services and classes are a vital part of center activities.

Whether you have a need for help or desire to give the support of your faith and spiritual consciousness to others, you will find it beneficial to contact your local Unity center. Someone has said, "If you need a blessing, give a blessing." You can do both by locating and attending your nearest Unity center. Consult your phone directory, or write to Unity's Field Department for the location of the Unity center nearest you.

DIRECTORY OF UNITY BOOKS

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- Atom-Smashing Power of Mind
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- Adventures of the Seven Spartans
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- Thank You, God



God Put it There

"While going through a vacant apartment in the building where I live, I found one of your *Unity* magazines lying on the floor. It was dated February 1950, but I decided to read it and see what it was. I was very much impressed with what I read, and I think God put the magazine there for me to find. I would like to subscribe for *Unity* to be sent to me each month."

Often the editor of *Unity* magazine receives letters like this one telling how someone has been introduced to *Unity*. Perhaps these lines you are reading now will be your introduction to the magazine.

Unity is the oldest of all the *Unity* publications, for it was founded by Charles Fillmore in 1889. Each month it contains some of Charles Fillmore's writings, articles and poems by foremost Truth authors, Bible lessons, and many other helpful features. *Unity* is especially welcome to those who wish to study Truth in a more advanced form.

Each month *Unity*'s cover bears a beautiful full-color photograph, and the back cover has a poem that accompanies this picture. A full year's subscription to *Unity* magazine is priced at \$1.

UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY
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THIS IS YOUR EASTER

For your Easter giving, Unity has just published a new Easter Greeting Booklet, *This Is Your Easter*. *This Is Your Easter* is unusual in arrangement. After a fine introductory article by William A. Clough, it gives excerpts from the Bible story of Easter followed by poems and short prose pieces relating to the excerpt. This booklet has a springlike yellow and green cover, and you will find it an inspiringly "different" Easter remembrance for all your friends.



Besides the new booklet, *This Is Your Easter*, these eleven other Unity Greeting Booklets are also especially suitable for Easter giving:

The Challenge of the Dawn

Daily Resurrections

For Thy Benediction

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God Is Blessing You Now

Sanctuary

The Land Is Bright

The Mental Equivalent

Preparation for Easter

The Song of Life

The Stream of Life

Pocket size and printed on fine paper, each colorful Unity Greeting Booklet comes with an Easter mailing envelope. The booklets are sent direct to you. Unity Greeting Booklets are priced at 10 cents each; 12 assorted for only \$1.

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Manifest Good in Your Daily Living

"You will find inclosed my check covering the amount of savings in my last Prosperity Bank. Please accept it as an offering for your continued good work in whatever field it is needed. My heart is filled with gratitude for the peace and serenity that comes into my life when I am concentrating on the work in connection with the Prosperity Bank.

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Thank You, God

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Two books of read-aloud stories in lilting rhymed prose. Charming animal illustrations and bright covers enliven both.

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As the first courageous shoot,
Piercing winter's final cold,
Springing greenly from the root
With its chalices of gold,
Let my faith be! Strong to thrust
Past discouragement with trust.

As the first frail blossoms cling
To the lean strength of the bough,
Deeply certain of the spring,
Never asking when or how,
Let me learn life's ultimate:
To lay hold of God, and wait.

